SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 18th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"In those days SHALL Judah be saved, and Jerusalem SHALL dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she SHALL be called, The LORD our righteousness."

(Jeremiah 33:16)

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BELOVED, *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"* (Romans 8:1). Where do you want to be found on that day? I trust your answer is in Christ. Walk not after the flesh, look away from your sinful flesh; walk after the Spirit, looking always and ever to the finished righteousness and atoning work of His flesh and blood" [Romans 8:1,9; 2 Timothy 1:12]. "Tis not that I did choose Thee, For Lord, that could not be. This heart would still refuse Thee Hadst Thou not chosen me!" AMEN!

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!
Brian Jennings, July 18th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Who Makes The Difference?

"…who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it" (1 Corinthians 4:7).

If there is one great battering ram to pride it is this, who makes you to differ from another? Is there anything that you have that you did not receive? Do you have faith? Have you a new heart, a new nature? Do you have a heart that loves God, that bows and submits to and feels its need of Christ? A heart that loves the brethren?

If you received these graces, and you received a new heart it is because of the Sovereign grace of Christ. We cannot glory in any grace, any love, any gift that we have, for we have them because of GRACE. Why would we be proud as if these things were of our own making? For who maketh thee do differ from another? Do you believe and have a knowledge of the Lord Jesus? How many in your family are without any knowledge of Him, or even an interest in Christ? How many of them are still steeped in their religious traditions and darkness? Who made you to differ?

In any direction you choose to look you see sin, drunkenness, profanity, immorality, homes and families destroyed, drugs in every community. Our prisons cannot hold the criminals of our society; superstition and religious easy believism has multitudes in its clutches. But, who made thee to differ?

Let me ask you, are you better by nature than these? Were you more godly or better in hearing than these? The only difference between us and the vilest soul on earth and in hell is the Sovereign grace of God! — Donnie Bell

Why Did He Save Me?

"…he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy" (Romans 9:15-16).

I think, throughout eternity if we had this problem to solve, 'why did He save me?', we should still go on making wrong guesses, but we could never arrive at the right conclusion, unless we should say once for all, I DO NOT KNOW. He did as He willed. He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy. He will have compassion on whom He will have compassion. [Romans 9:15-16]. — C.H. Spurgeon

A Faithful Minister of Christ

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him JESUS" (Acts 8:35)

What do faithful ministers of the gospel preach? Do they preach a theology? Do they preach some essential points of doctrine agreed upon among religious men? Philip, as it is the case with all faithful ministers of the Lord, didn't preach a theology, he didn't preach an opinion, he didn't preach a doctrinal position; beloved, he preached a Person! He opened his mouth, and from the scriptures he preached JESUS!

Our Lord declares *"He that believeth on THE SON hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not THE SON shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"* (John 3:36). You see, theology didn't give it's life as a ransom to redeem God's people, doctrines didn't shed any blood for the remission of sins. Beloved, taught of God (you know this)—salvation is found in a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. By God's quickening power, we have been made to know Him! All God's people can say with Paul *"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day"* (2 Timothy 1:12).

All faithful ministers, men sent of God, preach Christ Jesus the Lord; they don't preach themselves—they are not men pleasers—they are your servants for JESUS sake [2 Corinthians 4:5, Galatians 1:10].

Lord, enable your servants to open their mouths, and preach unto your people—JESUS. Grant us your enabling grace to be such a one as Epaphras, a fellowservant and faithful minister of Christ; for without You—we can do nothing [John 15:5]. Amen! — Pastor

"Christ Is All"

"…Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:11)

If salvation depends upon our being or doing anything, we shall inevitably be lost. Thank God, it does not; for the great fundamental principle of the Gospel is that Christ is all; man is nothing. It is not a mixture of Christ and man—it is all of Christ.

The peace of the Gospel does not rest in part on Christ's work and in part on man's work; it rests wholly on Christ's work, because that work is perfect, perfect forever, and it renders all who put their trust in Him as perfect as Himself! Christ must either be a whole Saviour or no Saviour at all.

The moment a man says, 'Except you [do] this or that you cannot be saved,' he totally subverts the Gospel; for in the Gospel I find Christ coming down to me, just as I am—a lost guilty, self-destroyed sinner; He comes, moreover, with a full remission of all my sins, and a full salvation from my lost estate, all perfectly wrought by Himself on the cross (Hebrews 1:3). Amen! — C.H. Mackintosh